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Gvishiani

Acquiring advanced technology from abroad is Gvishiani's primary task, and the Soviet approach to acquisition is illustrated by the fact that Gvishiani is surrounded by experts from Soviet Military Intelligence (GRU) and the Soviet Secret Police (KGB), both of which handle vast intelligence-gathering operations in the West. One of those who worked with Gvishiani was Col. Oleg Penkovsky of GRU, who for a brief period in the early 1960's was a secret agent in Moscow for the CIA and Britain's MI-6. In The Penkovsky Papers (Doubleday, 1965), a collection of some of his reports to the CIA, Penkovsky told of his own work for a Soviet intelligence operation known as the State Committee for Coordination of Scientific Research Work: "The Chief of our Foreign Directorate, Dzherman Mikhailovich Gvishiani, seemingly does not belong to any intelligence service. However, if one recalls the fact that Gvishiani's father was a distant relative of Stalin's and a KGB general, one can assume that our Gvishiani is also connected with the KGB. Unfortunately I cannot be positive about it. Many of our KGB neighbors brag about their true status, but Gvishiani is more careful about this....Gvishiani has two deputies, a colonel in the KGB (who is also) the KGB *resident* on the Committee...and a lieutenant colonel, the GRU *resident* on the Committee...a KGB employee is Gvishiani's secretary...."